IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: G. Gundling, et al.

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Title: METHOD OF PROCESSING A

SAMPLE CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE BIOLOGICAL

ELEMENT

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Examiner: B. Sisson

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

With regard to the application identified above, Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2000, for three months from November 10, 2000 to February 10, 2001. Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount of \$890.00 for the associated extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited, respectively, to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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